## West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee Mar. 8, 2022 Minutes

Present: Mike Colaneri, Jefrey Dubard, Ted Jochsberger, James Klingensmith, Larry Schubert,

and Susan Silk

Also Present: Rhonda Conley, David Vignaeult, Caroline Flanders, Christy Phillips, Jules and

Rachael Lowe, Bill Bennett, Sara Rosenthal other members of the public

Jochsberger made a motion seconded by Dubard to accept the Feb. 22, 2022 minutes as written. **VOTE 5 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN** 

## **INVOICES**

**Town Counsel:** Referred to Affordable Housing Trust for payment.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**MHP:** Conley reported that MHP is offering several training sessions for free.

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

**401 State Rd.:** Colaneri has not heard from any off-island organizations pertaining to the mandatory site visit that may have been missed due to weather and running of the ferries to Martha's Vineyard. There has been a request for RFP return time extension. *Jochsberger made a motion seconded by Dubard to extend the time frame for RFP response to 60 more days making the return due date to May 17, 2022 (see attached). VOTE 6 YES 0 NO* 

**16 Old Courthouse Rd.:** Conley reported that the rental application process by DCRHA is underway. An information DCRHA meeting will be held Wed. Mar. 16th at 6 PM via zoom. Visit DCRHA's website for meeting link. Applications must be received no later than Fri. Apr. 1, 2022.

**15 Rock Pond Rd.:** Attorney Caroline Flanders representing Co-Housing spoke of the renting of Christy Phillips affordable house (see attached). There was a long discussion as to what should be done for the infraction of the affordable housing covenant. Rental has been going on since 2008. Vignaeult, DCRHA Executive Director, stated that several rentals were approved by DCRHA who was the monitoring agent but others were not approved. His request, stated Vignaeult, was for homeowner to contact DCRHA about rental approval from the monitoring agent. His requests were not answered over a period of several years (see attachments). Bennett and Philips claim they did not receive letters or emails over this time (see attachment). The Lowe family, renters of 15 Rock Pond Rd. stated they are sorry about the situation. With COVID, health problems and lack of any rentals on the island they remained renting Philipps home. As the committee went back and forth (vacate immediately, give a time frame to vacate, request sale of home with the process starting now) as how to handle the situation it was decided to table till a future meeting. Colaneri wishes to resolve this issue with a meeting with Co-Housing attorney Caroline Flanders. He asked that Schubert work with her for a draft resolution and forward to Conley. Dubard said keep in mind that the AHC may need to take a more proactive role. Colaneri agreed as enforcement of the bylaws and covenant has become a problem.

Adjourned at 8:20 PM Approved Mar. 22, 2021 by majority vote.

The next meeting will be Mar. 22, 2022 at 6:30 PM via zoom. Link will be on agenda available on the town website.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Conley

**ATTACHMENTS** (separately posted)

Addenda #2 Letters pertaining to 15 Rock Pond Rd.